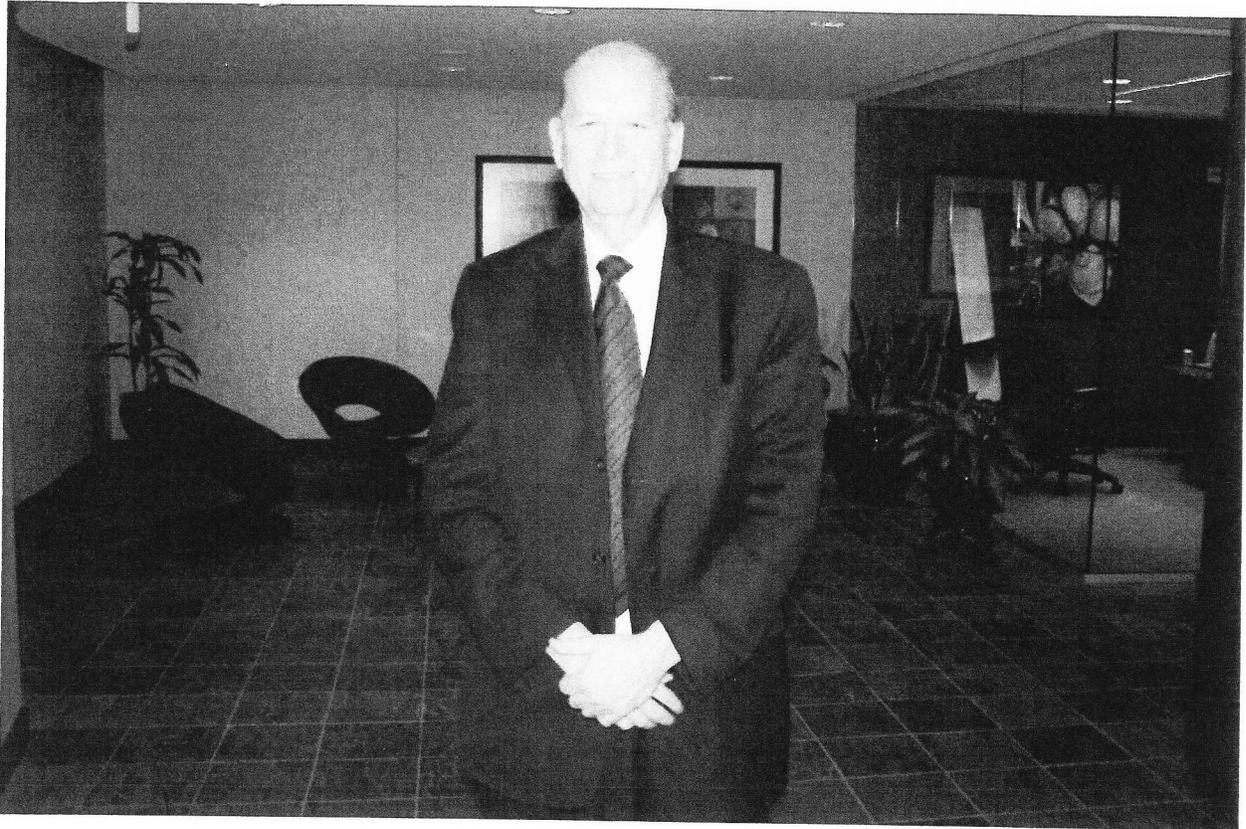
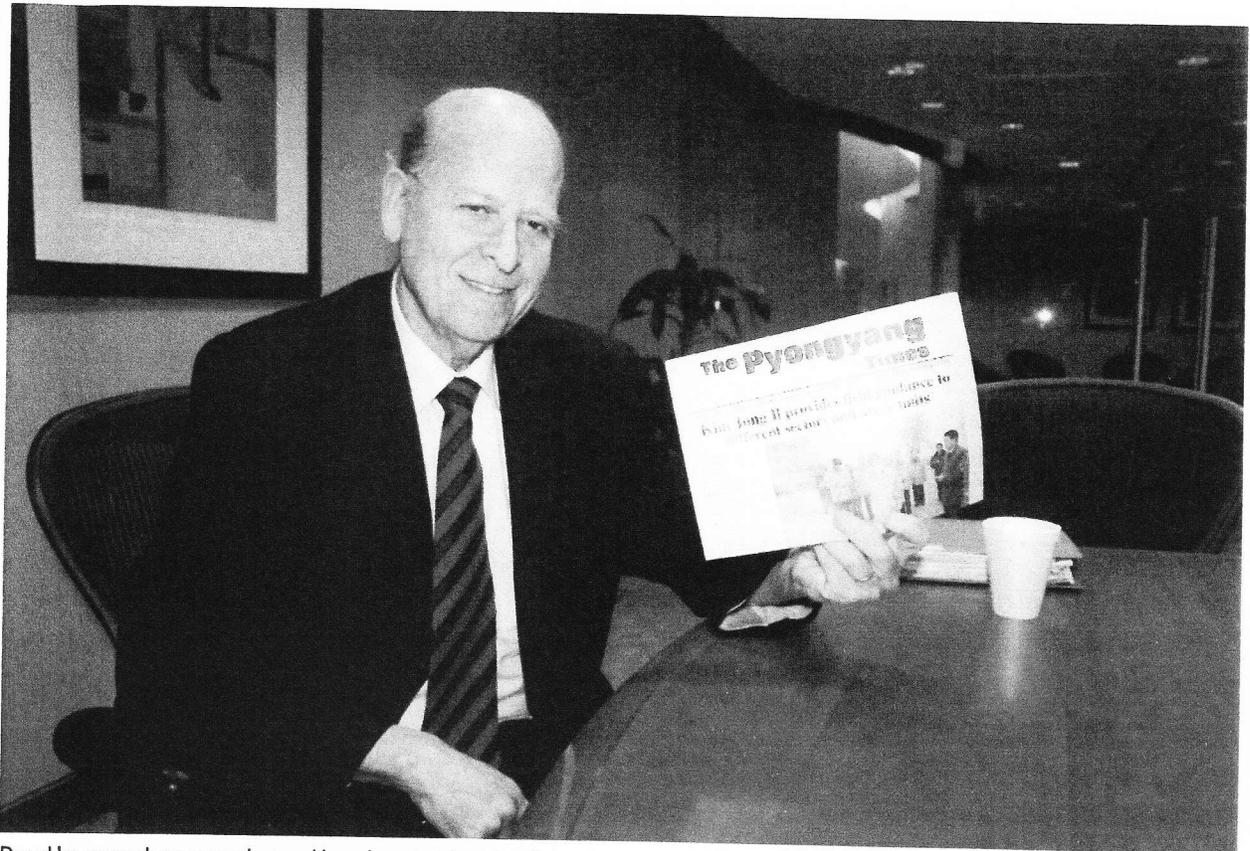


BEHIND ENEMY LINES WITH THE ENTREPRENEURIAL PROFESSOR



Last week, we met up with one of the godfathers of DC's international trade law intelligentsia, **Bart Fisher**. A St. Louis native, Bart tells us he became interested in pursuing a career in int'l trade as a young boy, when he would watch **steamboats** trolling down the Mississippi River and wonder where they were headed. That Bart's spent the past several years building up a **vibrant independent practice** (major clients include: **CITIC**, China's third largest private investment firm; and **International Fighting Championships**) will come as no surprise the many DC lawyers who've gotten to know the **entrepreneurial professor** (he's taught extensively at Johns Hopkins SAIS and G'town) during the 22 years he spent building up Patton Boggs' int'l trade practice before serving as Of Counsel to Arent Fox, Porter Wright, Byan Cave, and Dorsey Whitney.



Bart's most recent matter took him behind enemy lines to **North Korea**, where, on behalf of the Korea Int'l Chamber of Commerce, he met with gov't officials to help jumpstart the **U.N. World Food Program's** provisioning of grain, which was cut off in March 2009. "No one in N. Korea is supposed to have more than **\$60 in their pocket**," says Bart, "it's an aid dependent regime that **prizes its sovereignty** and self-sufficiency to the point of starving itself." Despite the fact that the U.S. has no diplomatic relations with N. Korea (a major barrier to most American's ability to take action), Bart says there's a humanitarian imperative to get food to the North Korean people, and that he's not waiting on the sidelines. Beyond basic sustenance, are other needs: "ultimately, I'd like to see **sports, educational and cultural exchanges**, and a greater level of U.S. assistance to the N. Koreans as part of their **eventual integration** into the community of nations."